



Ohio Rail Development Commission

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT MARCH 30, 2006

SAFETY

- Met with state senators and the Senate Transportation committee regarding the photo enforcement bill; opposed the bill in its present form.
- Followed up on new river gate issue; converting a private crossing to a public crossing on Norfolk Southern line.
- The gate and light installation project for Marconi Blvd is installed. This completes the Rail Commission's obligation on the Columbus/Nationwide project.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Had discussions with CSX regarding the Parsons Yard project.
- Discussed the Rickenbacker project with Governor's office.
- Reviewed Ohio Hub preview of additional route information; Pittsburgh, Columbus, Chicago and Toledo. Settled the issues and set the direction.
- Met in Cleveland with Mike Wise (former Governor's Regional Representative) and Governor's Regional Rep Fran Migliorino regarding a potential rail project in Lorain County.
- Organized the accounting review of Ohio Central Railroad (see Brad Eldridge contract in packet).
- Met with staff on various economic development projects, budget issues, transload budget allocation procedures and the progress with Controlling Board.

OUTREACH

- Attended the AASHTO sub-committee conference on passenger rail in Washington DC.
- Briefed Senator Voinovich's staff on Ohio Hub project.
- Briefed Congressman LaTourette and his staff on the Ohio Hub project.
- Met with Congresswoman Tubbs Jones and her staff regarding the status of the Ohio Hub project.

ADMINISTRATION

- Reviewed lease/tenant issues with the Department of Administrative Services regarding the Leveque Tower.